

NEWS CENTER

Center School Longmeadow, Ma. 01106

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NEWSPAPER CLUB FORMS

WHO? Center School Students K-5

WHAT? Interview, Research, Draw, Take photos, Write articles, Take polls, Design games, etc.

WHERE? Annex

WHEN? Meets Wednesdays 2:45 to 3:45

Started October 2, 1985

HOW? Through Field Trips, Guest Speakers,

Meetings, and Assignments

With lots of Hard Work and Enthusiasm!

UPCOMING ISSUE:

Winter Highlights

Special Subject Spotlights

More Local History

Science Exploration

Focus on First Grade

Interviews of New Students



Over sixty children are now enrolled in the Newspaper Club! NewsCenter is supported by the Center School PTO.

Photo By
Lisa deLima

Mrs. Williams Honored By NASA

By Liz Brunette

Mrs. Williams, "KINDLE" Teacher at Blueberry and Center Schools, was drawn to a NASA ad for teachers interested in going up in space. Mrs. Williams had to fill out an application which had many questions. Mrs. Williams felt the most important question was "What are you going to do up in space?" Mrs. Williams planned to teach everyone about space when she returned.

Members of a committee read all the applications sent in by over 350 teachers. From these, ten teachers were picked. Mrs. Williams was honored to be chosen one of the back-ups (a substitute for the first one). But just like anybody who might be going up into space, Mrs. Williams has mixed feelings. It would certainly be an experience and an honor to represent the Teachers of America in space, BUT-----!



Center Point

By Mr. Carl Tripp

I congratulate the staff of NewsCenter on the publication of your first edition.

You are doing an important job for all of us. Your Paper gives the whole school community a chance to share ideas and information. Talking to each other through your newspaper is a great step toward understanding the world around us and toward understanding each other.

When we understand each other, so often the understanding leads to liking each other. If you, through your work on NewsCenter, help people understand and like each other, then you have done your part in making Center School a better place to live and learn.

Thank you for your hard work in getting NewsCenter started.

THE ANNEX

By Michael Kelleher, Carl Leichthammer, Mark Leichthammer, and Eric Martenson

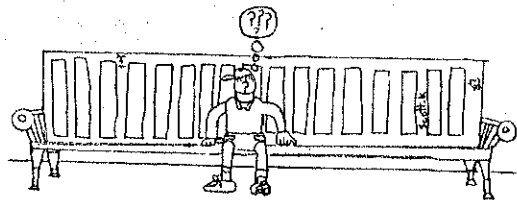
The Annex was dedicated in 1922. The Annex had grades 7 and 8, and the Center main building had K-6 although some 6th graders were also in the Annex. The Annex had two additions built, one in 1921, and one in 1928. The Annex also had a gym, shop room and a large music room. When the Annex was built the teachers' parking lot was the kids' playground. All of the field play was at Williams Street Park. The upper grades attended Springfield schools. There was no high school in Longmeadow. The design of the Annex copies the original design of the school house on the green. It burned down long ago. All children used to go home for lunch.

There are now 427 students in Center School. People tell us that there was an original Center School in the same spot as today's Center School. We do not know what happened to that building. Mr. Milesky thinks that the bell in the Annex came from that building.

WHERE IS THE MOURNER'S BENCH?

By Anthony Sibilia

The "mourner's bench" was outside the principal's office in the Annex. When the children were naughty they were asked to sit there and wait to see the principal. They often carved their names on it while waiting.



(The Mourner's Bench is just inside the north door of the Annex)

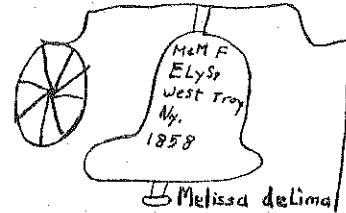
THE RINGING OF HISTORY

By Jamie Girotti, Mark Leichthammer, and Michael Smith

Our assignment was to find out about the bell in the Annex.

We asked a lot of people about it, but no one knew much about it. Mr. Milesky, the assistant superintendent, offered to let us ring it. The bell pull is outside of his office. Ten people from the NewsCenter staff went to the Annex on Friday, October 18, 1985 and rang the bell. We all had fun ringing the bell. Then the bell pull broke. Someone from the Building Superintendent's office was sent up to the bell tower to fix the pulley. He reported that these words were on the bell.

MEN F ELYS
WEST TROY N.Y.
1858



We think that the bell came from the original Center School. The bell is the logo for Center School. It became the logo in 1976 during our country's bicentennial.

A JOLLY HELLO

By Norman Townsend

Mr. Chiusano—a man to be respected and admired. He spent 30 years serving the town. He spends his winter helping children across the street, and during the long hot summer days he's out crossing people to Bliss pool. The Center School P.T.O. pitched in money and gave him a small T.V. He also received an award from the town for his fine work in Longmeadow. And he's still out there with a jolly "hello" and a smile.

Symphony Field Trip



Our Playground

By Chad DeRosa

The Center School Playground was built in 1982. The money was donated by the P.T.O., the School Committee, the Lion's Club, and also the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Harry Reynolds, who is head of the Parks and Recreation Dept., supervised the construction of the playground. Now all the kids enjoy it.



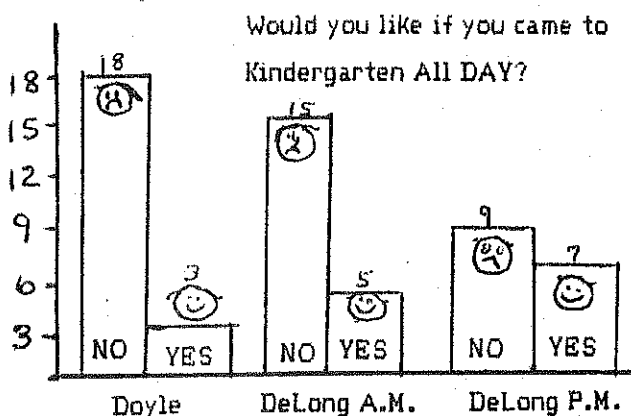
The Scoop On...

KINDERGARTEN

Children Polled

By Graham Gelling, Alison MacLaughlin, Molly Markarian, Jessica Roche, Kimberly Thomas, Ashley Witzemberger

We asked the Kindergarten children if they would like it if they came to school all day instead of just half the day. A total of 57 children answered. More of the children said No than said Yes (15 Yes, 42 No). Maybe they think school stinks. Maybe they just like coming half days. Maybe they like playing the rest of the day at home. Maybe they're just a little scared not knowing what the rest of the school day is like. It was fun to see the little kids and to talk to them.



Mrs. DeLong Interviewed

By Joshua Randall

Mrs. DeLong is a kindergarten teacher at Center School. Mrs. DeLong started teaching in 1965, when she graduated from college. If Mrs. DeLong weren't a teacher, she'd be a musician because music is her "second love". She especially likes to "play the piano", and she also likes to sing.

Mrs. DeLong's favorite color used to be blue, but now she "likes blue and green equally well" because it reminds her of Maine, which she loves. Blue and green remind her of the "forest and the ocean", and "nature".

Mrs. DeLong has a favorite tree she loves. It is on the road to the island where she goes in Maine, and it is a "huge huge maple tree". In the summer time it is "just full of green leaves", and in the autumn it is "just spectacular with oranges and yellows".

Mrs. DeLong likes her classrooms because there is one quiet room and one room where the children can play and make noise, and move around in. Mrs. DeLong likes first thing in the morning best because the kids are "fresh and ready to go", and she feels "full of energy".

Mrs. DeLong and her Kindergarten children will be doing a very special Thanksgiving program this year. Mrs. DeLong is also doing things about dinosaurs again this year. "Everybody loves dinosaurs", says Mrs. DeLong. She is also doing a special program with ribbons. The children get special ribbons for things they learn, like their address and phone number, letters and numbers, and things like that.

An Interview With Mrs. Doyle

By Sarah Herd and Jackie Menard

This is Mrs. Doyle's first year at Center School. She had other teaching jobs before she came here. She has taught second grade and resource room, at Greenwood, Wolf Swamp, and Converse Schools.

Mrs. Doyle loves to teach Kindergarten. She enjoys teaching the children how to sing. They have learned quite a few songs already this year. "The children love to sing", she said.

Mrs. Doyle said that her class already went apple picking this year. She doesn't know what other field trips she will be going on this year, but she said there will be two or three more.

A SCARY STORY

By Mrs. DeLong's Kindergarten Class
(A.M.)

This is the month
of October.

Halloween is coming!

Some of us are going to a party.

You go trick or treating.

After you go trick or treating you

Go home and count your candy.

You dress up. 

You try to scare people. BOO!

You may eat your candy after.

YUM. YUM.

An Imaginative Story

By Mrs. Doyle's Kindergarten Class

The children used their imaginations to tell a story set up with the following sentence: "One morning I looked in the mirror and was amazed to find not a strand of hair left on my head."

I went into the shower. By washing my hair with the rubber rub tub, it grew. It grew and grew and grew until it was really long. It got so long I grew a beard.

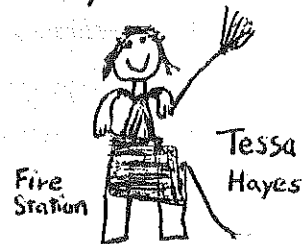
I got out of the shower. I washed my face and there was a moustache. Then my hair got shorter and shorter. However, my nose got longer.

Then I went outside. Everyone laughed at me. My nose grew shorter and shorter until it was all gone.

I tripped on a rock and fell into a mud pile. I got all dirty. I went back to the shower and I washed. I looked in the mirror. My hair had grown long again.

My face turned orange like fall leaves. My nose grew again until it was the right size. My face turned back to skin color. Now I looked in the mirror and I was normal, even my hair.

I sprayed the hose





Lisa Ann
de Lima

ASK ME!

This Month By Ryan Hutchins

Dear R.H.: I have a 2 year old sister. She is a pain. My Mom says I should love her. She wrecks everything. What can I do?

Signed, MAD

Dear Mad: Put your best toys where she can't reach them and leave some of your old toys that can't break where she can reach them. And if that fails, try loving her like MAD.

Dear R.H.: I have a difficult time getting my 7 year old to bed before 9:00 p.m. At what time do YOU think a 7 year old should go to bed? How can I stop all the arguing?

Signed, Concerned Parent

Dear Concerned: Here is a system that has worked in the past. A 7 year old should go to bed at 7 o'clock, an 8 year old at 8 o'clock, and children 9 years or older at 9 o'clock. If your child continues to argue, remind him about this system and point to the clock.

Dear R.H.: What do you do about a mean kid on the playground? Signed, Afraid

Dear Afraid: Just remember the playground is very big, and he is very small.

DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS, and KIDS,
PLEASE PUT YOUR "ASK ME" QUESTIONS OR
PROBLEMS IN OUR NEWSCENTER BOX
(in the cafeteria)

Mr. D's Health Column

By Mr. Dave Damon

During the month of November, the American Cancer Society sponsors the "Great American Smoke-Out". This is a special day on which people are asked to quit smoking for at least one day. Many smokers have used this day to quit for life.

This is an important time in the lives of many young people. A decision to smoke (or NOT to smoke) is made early in life--before age 18. 60% of teenage girls who are smokers started BEFORE age 13. In 1979, there were an estimated 6 million smokers under age 20. Of these, 100,000 were 12 years old or younger!

Some day you may have to make a decision about smoking. Learn all you can about smoking. Make your choice based on facts!

IS COACHING EASY?

By Michael LaBroad

My Dad has been a coach in the Longmeadow Soccer program for three years. I asked him if it was easy to coach. He said, "No, when you are trying to improve the skills of 12 to 14 young people at one time, it takes some careful planning and a great deal of patience, but it is rewarding. I enjoy working with young people and watching them improve their skills". My Dad is my coach and I think he is good.

Thanks

A Big Thank-you to Barbara Smith, Liz Roche, and Barbara Gelling, each of whom volunteered some time to help out at a News Club meeting! Any time YOU can give will help!

EXERCISE!

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By Philip Rice

The town of Longmeadow has many recreation programs after school. Mr. Reynolds of the Parks and Recreation Department says there are 210 kids in the Karate program. There are at least 400 kids in dance class. The After School Games program is also popular.

Kids have many opportunities to exercise and have fun in our town.

Mr. Damon, of Center School, said exercise is important. He says children should do two kinds of exercises: slow (stretching) and fast (running). Push-ups are also good to do.

If you want to do push-ups to keep in shape, find out how many you can do without hurting yourself. Add one or two more push-ups each time you exercise.

Space: Would You Go?

By Marie Erickson, David Gershen, Jeremy Gershen, Sarah Herd, Katie Girotti, Megan Stillerman, Jackquiline Menard

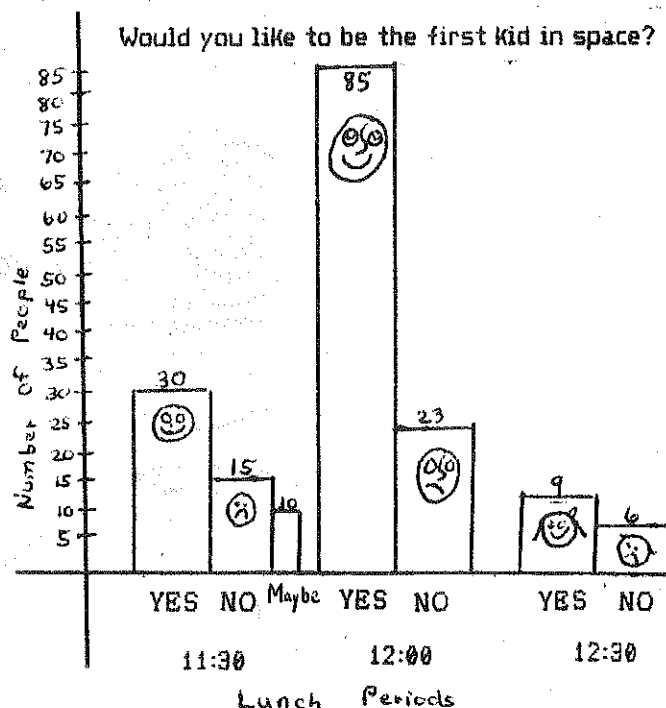
We asked the kids during all three lunch periods "If you could be the first kid to go up in the space shuttle, would you go?" We asked 178 kids. More people said they would like to go up into space than said they would not (124 Yes, 44 No, 10 Maybe). Some kids said they'd be frightened, and others said they wouldn't be. Some kids said they would not like to go because they would get dizzy. The Brownies said their names are going up in space already! Some kids said they would like to "be able to float around and catch their food". It was fun to learn about the other kids and find out their opinions.

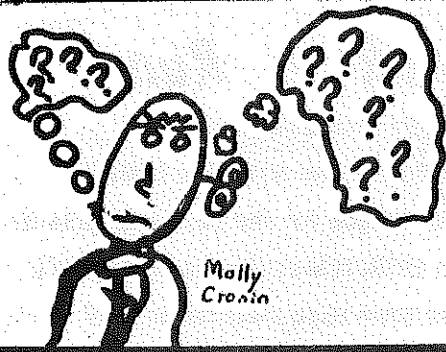
Kick 'n Run

By Thomas Brunette

Before Mr. Edgerly and Atty. Martinelli started a soccer league for the boys and girls in Longmeadow in 1983, it was necessary to join a team in another town if you wanted to play soccer. But now children 12 to 16 years old can play on a Longmeadow team against other towns. Boys and girls 5 to 11 years old compete on teams in their own age groups and learn soccer skills.

Each team has a number and color. Each has a coach and an assistant coach. They can be mothers or fathers. The teams practice once or twice a week, and have a game every Sunday for nine weeks. 950 children signed up for soccer last June. The men spent all summer ordering the uniforms, checking the equipment, making the schedules, finding the coaches, and making up the teams. That's it for SPORTS!





OUR BRAINS ARE A-MAZ-ING!

Riddles

By Christina Shoemaker

1. What hand has no fingers?
2. What has four fingers and a thumb but neither flesh nor bone?
3. What is in the Church but not the steeple, in the priest but not the people, in the clapper but not the bell, in an oyster but not it's shell?

Answers hidden in this issue.

Letter Game

By Michael LaBroad

1. Rearrange these letters to get an animal, then drop a letter to get a snake.

R O B A

2. Rearrange these letters to get an animal, then drop a letter to get a bigger one.

O F X

Answers Hidden in This Issue.

MORE RIDDLES

By Kim Thomas

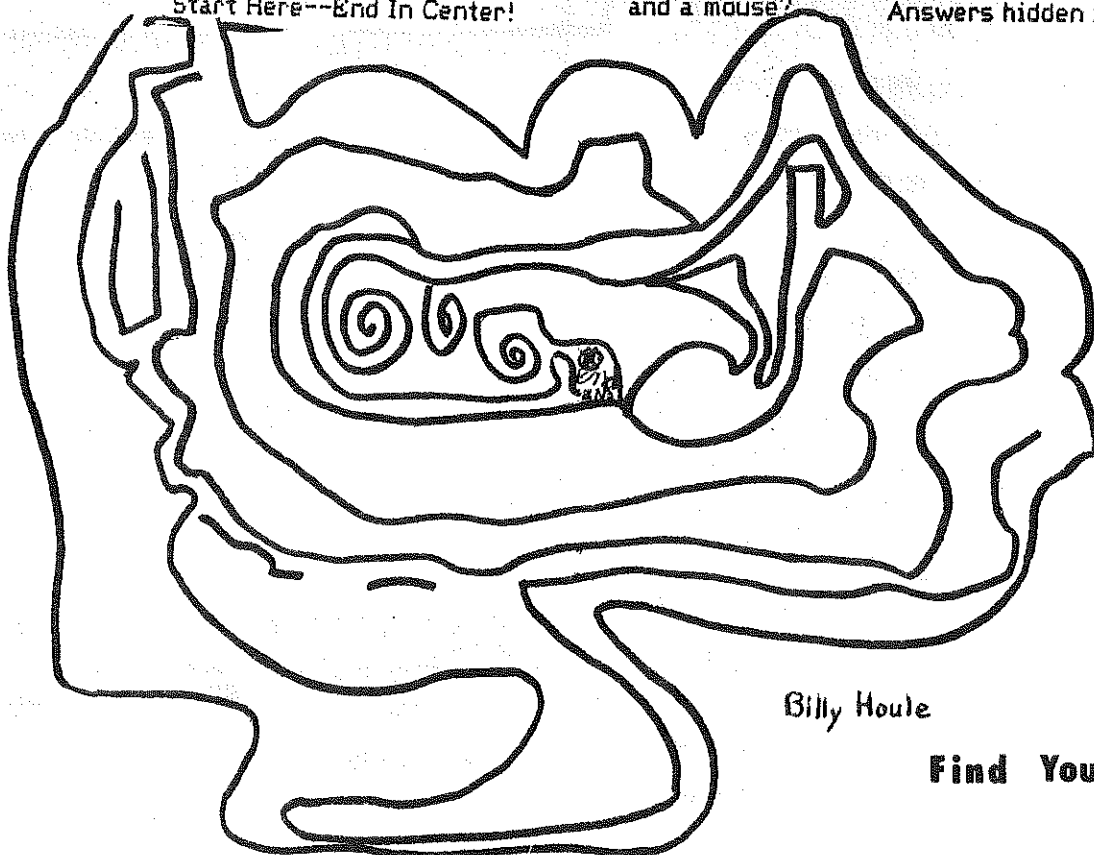
From the American Riddle Book by Carl Withers and Sula Benet

1. Why are ghosts like writing pads?
2. Why shouldn't you gossip in the wheatfield?
3. What is the difference between a pretty girl and a mouse?

Answers hidden in this issue.

Maze

Start Here--End In Center!



Billy Houle

Find Your Way!

Mrs. Tober's Halloween Haunts

HAIKU

By Leslie Shoemaker

Happy Halloween!
A bunny on Halloween.
Look closely. It's me!

HALLOWEEN

By Elizabeth Walat

Happy Halloween.
Jack-o-lanterns light up bright.
But I am Happy.

By Colin B.(Mrs. Tober's class)

I like Halloween
Halloween you trick-or-treat
Skeletons come out.

HALLOWEEN

By Dina Komisar

Halloween is Dark
Scary, spooky ghosts are here.
Skeletons appear.

SURVEY

By Carrie Magovern

When asked what topics they would like to read about in this newspaper, some Center students answered as follows:

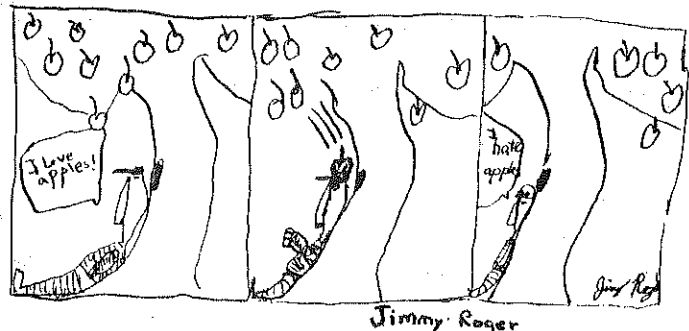
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the kids	stories
holidays	sports
book reviews	interesting people
movie critics	contests
school history	teacher interviews

MONSTERS

By Katy W.

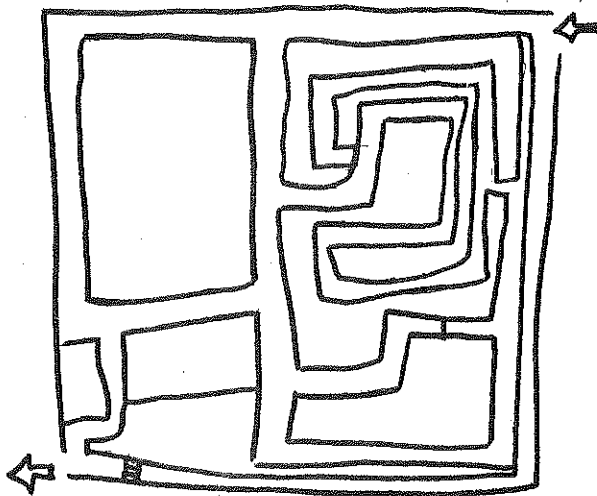
Spooky spooky night.
Headless horsemen ride tonight.
Halloween is here.

IS IT WORTH IT?



Through The Maze

Garry
Bozylinsky



IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Liz Stahl, parent of first-grader Roxanne Stahl, was kind enough to volunteer to be the Advisor to the NewsCenter Club's Artists, Photographers, and Brainteasers section for this first issue. We heartily thank her for all her hard work and perseverance! Anyone interested in assuming that position for the next issue, please contact Ms. Burrell (567-3543).

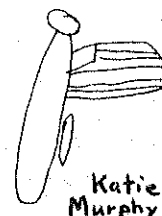
THE AUDITORIUM FLAGS

By Dali Mukherjee and Lisa Richter

(For six years now, a set of flags have hung in our auditorium. Mrs. Craig was Center School's Art Teacher when they were made.)

We wrote a letter to Mrs. Craig. Mr. Tripp told us that she made the flags. She is the art teacher at Glenbrook. We asked her some questions and here they are:

1. Who made the banners?
2. Why were they made?
3. When were they made?
4. What is their significance?



She wrote back to us. She said they were made by 5th grade students in her art class. She said that they were made because the students were to be taught these lessons:

- a. Design, color, and texture
- b. Working together in groups of 4 or 5 students (the democratic process)
- c. Students had to agree on countries to represent (they were chosen because of ancestors or due to places of interest), shapes to represent the country, and color plans that work well together.

Mrs. Craig said that they were made in 1979. The students who made them are now juniors in high school. The flags have decorated our auditorium for quite some time. We thank Mrs. Craig for all of her help.

Computers In Class

By Sharon Ritchie

Mrs. Burger's fifth grade class has computers--six of them. I am in her class, and we have a lot of fun with them. We print and write paragraphs and stories. It is not that easy to find all the keys on the keyboard. After a while it sort of gets a little boring. Our teacher is Mrs. Riker. She's a really nice person. It is pretty easy to correct some mistakes. The mistakes that are easy to correct are forgetting to put in a word or letter or erasing. When you first learn how to use a computer it is real fun!

2. FOX, OX

1. BOAR, BOA

Answers to Letter Game:

Secret Message

By Becky Ingis

Use the number code below to figure out what this message says!

8 9 19 20 15 18 25

9 19 1 18 5 1 20

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Answer Hidden In This Issue

Poetry - - Creative Writing

By Sharon Ritchie

WHY?

Why do people run in fear?
Why do people shed a tear?
Why does the sun shine so bright?
Why do people sometimes fight?

FRIENDS

Friends sometimes are so bright,
Friends barely fight.

Friends are friends
and always will be
friends together
and friends we shall be.

LIFE

Life
Life is fair
And sometimes not
Some people care

Upside Down

Answers to More Riddles:
1. Because they appear in sheets.
2. You might shock the wheat.
3. One charms the he's and the other harms the cheese.
Answers to Secret Message: HISTORY
IS GRAY
Answers to Riddles:
1. A watch's hand.
2. A glove.
3. The letter R.

By Becky Ingis

The Annex used to be a junior
high for you or me.
But now it's fourth and fifth grade
that they have
so we can learn a thing or two.
Arithmetic, Science, Social Studies,
Language, Reading, Spelling.
Which one did you learn?
I Learned all of them with three years
and things that I heard.
Well all I really have to say is the
annex that we have today
is one in a million.
That may not be easy for you to say
but for me it's simple.

ADVISORS' MESSAGE

It has been a busy and rewarding beginning for all of us involved with NewsCenter. The staff's endless enthusiasm has made our jobs as Advisors most gratifying. It is our aim to continue nurturing this eagerness while introducing skills that will foster an understanding of a newspaper.

We appreciate the support we have received from the PTO, Mr. Tripp and the faculty at Center School. (We are also grateful for their sense of humor and patience, as some teachers had to be interviewed twice!)

As our first edition (six pages longer than anticipated!) is released, we can feel very proud of all the children who participated. Their hard work, curiosity and new ideas have made our efforts more than worthwhile!

Ms. Sherry Burrell Mrs. Cynthia Paige



From Our Library

By Molly Markarian

BOOKS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

We Like Kindergarten by Cassidy

Ramona the Pest by Cleary

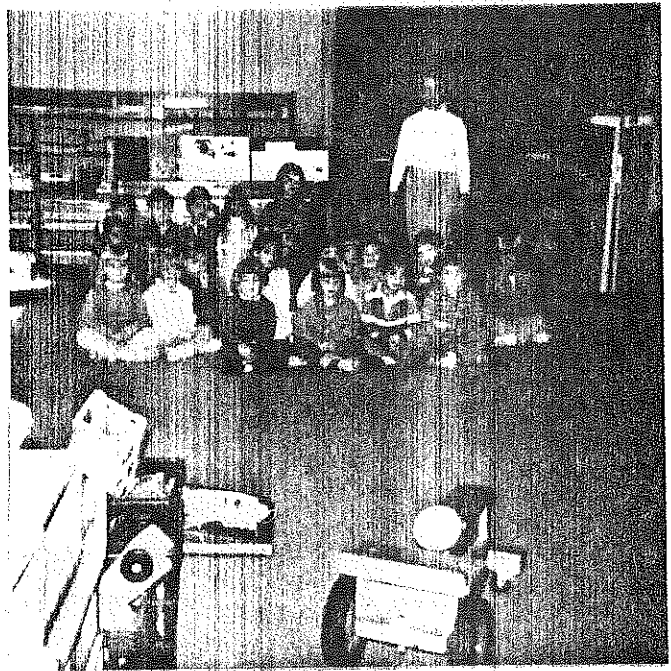
BOOKS ABOUT ASTRONAUTS

Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space by Blocknall

The Astronauts by Moche

Space shots, Shuttles, and Satellites by Berger

The Star Wars Question and Answer Book About Space by Moche



Mrs. Doyle's Kindergarten Class -

Photo By
Eric Turnburg

CLASSIFIEDS

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

Three darling grey tiger
striped Kittens

Six weeks old

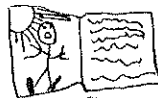
Free if you'll give them a loving home.

If interested call Carrie Magovern

567-6079

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

NEWSCENTER CLUB ADVISOR NEEDED to work with Ms. Burrell and Mrs. Paige on the next edition of the school newspaper (Dec.-Jan.). Especially looking for someone interested in working with the group of kids working as Artists, Photographers, and Brainteasers (a group of 15 kids). Please call Sherry Burrell 567-3543. We need you!



Roxanne Stahl

BOOK REVIEW

By Molly Markarian

WE LIKE KINDERGARTEN by Cassidy

The little girl likes to play with her doll and her sister. At school, Michael feeds the fish and Susan feeds the turtle. The Teacher plays the piano. The Teacher's name is Mrs. Wall. Laurie's teddy bear wants to go to school with her. The children like to play games and instruments. Laurie has a spotted coat. Stephen has a brown coat.

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

VOLUNTEERS! Over sixty children belong to the NewsCenter Club, which meets Wednesdays after school 2:45 to 3:45. The children are enthusiastic. They are hard workers. They deserve caring adults to offer support, guidance and supervision. So far there are only two of us taking on this huge task. If you feel that this newspaper is worth continuing, please volunteer some time to us. No experience needed. WE NEED HELP!! Call Sherry Burrell 567-3543.